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TEACHER'S PETITION

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dollars and a number of years in pre-
paration for her work.

Eighth—We spend more time at our
work than is supposed by those not di-
rectly connected with the work. It is
supposed that our time extends from
9 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. and that we are
then at liberty to do whatever we may
choose; but this is not the case. Dur-
ing the last three years the principal
and the majority of the high school
teachers have remained at the build-
ing and worked from 8:30 a. m. to 3
or 4 o'clock, and often later, and then
taken work home with them for the
evening. The same is true of some
of the other principals and grade
teachers.

Ninth—Last summer when the pa-
per stated that salaries had been
raised, it was supposed by the patrons
and taxpayers that the increase had
been general and not less than from
\$5 to \$10 per month on each salary,
and there was no complaint.

Tenth—The teacher has a right to
live in respectability, her home should
be the symbol of refinement; she
should be able to attend the state as-
sociation, other meetings of her pro-
fession, to keep up with her profes-
sion generally; this the law requires
her to do; she should be able to enjoy
a vacation, and further, she should be
able to lay aside something for the
future, as there has been no provision
in Oregon for the teacher in her old
age. The Astoria teacher has not been
able to do all of these things, and I
doubt if any one of them, to her sat-
isfaction, as the average salary of the
Astoria teacher is only \$45.80 per
month. This low salary will not meet
the requirements of the teacher who
is up to date, and certainly the teach-
ers of Astoria wish to be so.

Eleventh—The pupils who leave the
Astoria schools and enter institutions
of higher learning receive credits
equal to those received by pupils from
the Portland schools, and on an aver-
age, our pupils rank higher than do
those from the Portland schools.

We believe that we are "laborers
worthy of our hire" and that the more
we receive by way of compensation
for our work, the more the public will
receive in return; not that the honest
teacher will consciously work harder
for more money, but that she has a
mind freer from petty cares, has more
energy to put into her work, and can
afford a greater number of helps.

Twelfth—The object in increasing
the state per capita tax was for the
benefit of the teacher, but it has not
resulted as such in Astoria.

Thirteenth—The total of the increase

asked for is only \$3853 per annum,
making only a very slight increase in
the assessment.

We know that in the past the plea
of the board for not increasing salaries
has been that the district is in debt.
We realize their position; but the fact
that the city is in debt has made no
difference in the increasing of the sal-
aries of officials. In view of this fact
we do not see why it should make a
difference about the increasing of
teachers' salaries. The school clerk of
Portland was authorized to borrow
\$35,000 to cover expense until the
school department's allotment of tax
receipts is received.

In view of the fact—
1st. That the expense of living in
Astoria is at least one-third higher
than living in Portland and other
leading places in the state;

2d. That the cost of living is now
51 per cent higher than it was seven
years ago;

3d. That Astoria is second in size
and importance in the state;

4th. That the salaries of other lead-
ing cities have been and are yet higher
or proportionately so, than salaries
here;

5th. That the salaries of county and
city officials have been increased rang-
ing from 20 per cent to 33 1-3 per cent;
6th. That several years ago the sal-
aries of teachers were cut and have
not yet been restored to their former
figures;

7th. That wages have risen, but we
are not receiving more than the ordi-
nary laborer receives, and in most in-
stances not so much as he;

8th. That we necessarily spend
from 8 to 11 hours per day, whereas
the county and city officials spend only
six and eight hours per day respect-
ively. Many of us work on Saturdays
—even Sunday is not exempt with all
of us;

9th. That the patrons and tax pay-
ers did not object when they thought
we had received a material increase;

10th. That the teacher has a right
to live in respectability; to attend var-
ious professional meetings, state asso-
ciations, etc., to keep up with her pro-
fession generally, to enjoy a vacation,
to be able to lay aside something for
old age, and that this she can not do
on an average of \$45.80 per month.

11th. That the schools of Astoria
rank in higher institutions on a par
with the Portland schools.

12th. The object in increasing the
state per capita tax was for the bene-
fit of the teacher, but it has not result-
ed as such in Astoria, the levy having
been decreased from ten to eight mil-
lis.

13th. The total of the increase asked
for is only \$3853 per annum, making
only a very slight increase in the as-
sessment.

In view of these facts, we, the teach-
ers present, feel that our request is

a moderate one when we ask that the
superintendent, the several principals,
and we, the teachers now present, each
receive an increase of 20 per cent on
the salary already received by him or
her; this to take effect at the begin-
ning of the term which opens Febru-
ary 6, 1905.

In view of the above mentioned facts
the welfare of the schools, and of the
city, we beseech you—if there is a
way by which you may grant our re-
quest to "find it;" if there is no way
existing, to "make one."

Believing that you will give our re-
quest due consideration and that you
will adjust difficulties to the best of
your ability, we now, with due respect,
leave the matter in your hands.

(Signed)

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from the food eaten the elements need-
ed for rich, red blood, healthy body
material and sound, steady nerves. In
this way it repairs worn tissues, checks
the natural decline of the aged and
never fails to replace weakness with
strength."

"In the strongest manner we unhesi-
tatingly endorse and guarantee Vinol
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down, tired and debilitated, make the
weak strong, cure chronic coughs,
colds and build up the convalescent
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FACTS ABOUT ASTORIA AND ITS INDUSTRIES

Astoria today is a bustling, cosmo-
politan city of 15,000 people. Its popu-
lation represents almost every nation-
ality on earth, in consequence of which
it is a lively center of business activity.
Its advantageous location at the mouth
of the great Columbia river makes it
the trade mart of the vast productive
region of northwestern Oregon and
southwestern Washington, and it is the
supply point for fully 25,000 people. It
is Oregon's second city in size and im-
portance.

The estimate of population here
given is conservative. The 1900 gov-
ernment census accredited the city
with about 9000 people, but the launch-
ing of new enterprises, together with
the natural growth, has added many
hundreds to the population in the past
five years. Failure to develop local re-
sources has resulted in slow growth,
but a new era of commercial activity
is dawning and the prospects for the
city's future are very bright.

On its magnificent location and won-
derful natural advantages Astoria
bases its expectations of future great-
ness. Situated on the only fresh-water
harbor of importance in the world,
with the broad ocean but 10 miles from
its wharves, it enjoys marked advan-
tages as a shipping center. The gravity
route of the Columbia river is nature's
highway for the great inland empire,
the immense product of which must be
exported from the ocean port. At As-
toria the largest ships may find safe
moorings, and its harbor will accom-
modate all the shipping that may ever
come to the northwest coast. It is
pre-eminently the Pacific slope port,
as New York is the Atlantic port, and
must soon receive from the transcon-
tinental railroads the recognition which
its advantages justify, as has New
York on the Atlantic coast.

Development of the lumbering in-
dustry will alone make Astoria great.
There are 75,000,000,000 feet of timber
standing in the forests near the city.
This vast timber supply is great
enough to keep in steady operation for
20 years 100 large mills, and to afford
employment during that period to 15,
000 persons in the manufacturing
plants, to say nothing of the army of
workmen that would be employed in
the forests. The first steps towards the
development of lumbering have now
been taken, and four mills, with a daily
output exceeding 300,000 feet, are in
operation. The forests are only a short
distance from the city, and the cost of

bringing logs to Astoria is light, mark-
ing this a most desirable point for the
manufacturer of lumber. The advan-
tages offered by this city as a milling
point are beginning to attract the at-
tention of millmen who desire to op-
erate economically, and before long
Astoria will rank as the largest lum-
bering producing port on the Pacific
coast.

The growth of the salmon industry
will likewise prove of great benefit to
Astoria. By means of artificial propaga-
tion, this magnificent business has
come to stay. It will be built up, with-
in a few years, to four times its present
magnitude, and will then mean more
than \$10,000,000 annually to the city.
Several Alaskan salmon canneries are
owned and operated here and each
year bring large sums to their home
office. The possibilities of Astoria as a
fishing port or center in other lines of
fishing industries are also of great
importance, and the attention of cap-
italists is called to this city as a deep-
sea fishing center; also to the great
runs of genuine French salmunes which
come into the river by the hundreds of
billions every year.

The lower Columbia river district,
with its mild climate, offers unsur-
passed inducements to dairymen, farm-
ers and small-fruit growers. While
small-fruit growing has not been ex-
tensively engaged in, those who have
followed it have been most successful,
and one enterprising grower is now
harvesting two strawberry crops a
year—the only instance of the kind
known in this section of the country.
Settlement of the productive lands of
the county will work wonders for the
city and assist materially in its up-
building.

There are many other resources
which will combine to bring about the
future greatness of Astoria. Here are
to be found opportunities for men in
every walk of life—capitalists, small
investors, farmer, dairymen, fruit-
grower and laborer. This new country,
where fortunes await the energetic,
offers to those seeking location the
best advantages of any section of the
west.

In every respect Astoria is metro-
politan. It enjoys splendid facilities
of all kinds, is a pleasure-loving city
and thoroughly up-to-date. Thou-
sands of strangers visit Astoria every
month, and during the summer season
it is the Mecca of those who live in
the interior. It has its different quar-
ters, like the larger cities, and, best of

all, it is the healthiest spot on earth.

Astoria wants more people. Its nat-
ural resources will easily support
from 250,000 to 500,000 population, yet
there are only 15,000 people here to
reap the benefits that nature has so
generously placed at their disposal.
The homeseeker will find no better
place to locate, and few equal places.
Labor is always in demand, at the
highest wages, and there is much en-
couragement for the man who wishes
to engage in business. Strangers often
remark the uniform courtesy of the
people and the general effort on the
part of Astorians to make matters
pleasant for visitors. The home-seek-
er or investor who fails to visit Astoria
will make a great mistake, for no other
community in the Pacific northwest
offers such opportunities as the lower
Columbia river district.

Astoria has a \$300,000 gravity-water
system, a paid fire department, first-
class street car service, gas and elec-
tric lighting systems, free public li-
brary, unexcelled transportation facili-
ties, complete school system, 40 civic
societies, three daily and six weekly
newspapers, excellent telegraph and
telephone service, three banks carry-
ing deposits of about \$2,000,000, two ex-
press offices, first-class theaters, 14
churches, labor unions representing
every branch of trade, two energetic
commercial organizations, two social
clubs, admirably conducted hospital,
mills of manufacturing sites, plenty of
fine residence and business property;
is the only fresh-water seaport on the
Pacific coast; is situated at the mouth
of a river that drains an empire; has a
harbor large enough to accommodate
the combined shipping of the Pacific
coast; has a trunk-line railroad con-
necting it with four transcontinental
railroads; is the uttermost railroad ex-
tension point on the American conti-
nent; is 200 miles nearer Yokohama
and other oriental ports than any other
Pacific coast port; is 160 miles nearer
the Cape Nome mining country than
any other port on the Pacific coast; is
the salmon shipping center of the
world; is the center of one of the
greatest possible dairy industries that
the country today possesses.

It is the only place where the royal
chinook salmon is packed; has sub-
stantial public and business buildings,
factories and handsome residences.

Astoria's School System.
Astoria's school system is not sur-
passed by that of any other city of
the size in the west. At present there

are six large school buildings here.
The schools are conveniently located in
all sections of the city, and in every
respect are modern in their appoint-
ments. Well-appointed schools are to
be found throughout the county, and
children living on farms and in vil-
lages enjoy educational advantages al-
most equal to those afforded city chil-
dren.

Astoria's Water System.
Astoria possesses a \$300,000 gravity
water system, which is not equalled
in equipment by any other system in
the Pacific northwest. The water
works are operated by the municipal
government as represented by the
water commission, and constitute the
city's most valuable asset. The water
is brought from Bear creek, about 10
miles distant, which has its source in
the mountains.

The reservoir is situated on the pla-
teau back of the city, where the sup-
ply is regulated. The water system of
Astoria is extensive enough to supply
the needs of 100,000 people, besides af-
fording fire protection to all parts of
the city.

The Lumbering Industry.
The mouth of the Columbia river
has the greatest body of timber tribu-
tary and available of any point in the
world.

The lumbering business is the larg-
est in the Pacific northwest; it out-
ranks in value of product any other
line. Production of wheat is a close
second, being worth \$17,000,000 a year,
while the value of the lumber output
is \$18,000,000. Coal, gold and silver,
fruit, cattle and sheep, wool and fish,
all of which are produced in great
abundance, fall far below, nor hardly
equal in the aggregate, the wealth de-
rived from the forests. The town,
therefore, that commands the greatest
resources available of fine timber must
have a great outlook. Demand for
timber will not decrease, but become
greater every year.

The timber trees of the forests tribu-
tary to Astoria are, in order of qual-
ity; Douglas fir, commercially known
as Oregon pine; hemlock, spruce and
cedar. There are also soft, or bird-
eye, maple, vine maple, alder, wild
cherry, willow, etc.

The fir is both red and yellow. It
grows five to 14 feet in diameter, and
150 to 300 feet tall; 351 feet is said to
have been measured on one fallen tree
in the coast mountains. Considerable
noble fir, or larch, and some white pine
are found on the highest of the coast

mountains, but little near Astoria. The
spruce, of the tideland species, is found
only on the west slopes of the coast
mountains. It attains a diameter vary-
ing from about an average of six feet
to 16 or 17; and specimens 57 and 63
feet each in girth have been measured
—19 to 21 feet in diameter. Hemlock
occurs as a mixed or smaller growth,
with fir and spruce, trees seldom being
of great height, although often very
large. Yet cedar is found mixed with
the other timbers, the trees seldom be-
ing of greater height, although often
very large. Yet cedar is not plentiful
in this section. In general estimates of
timber production 20,000 feet to the
acre are allowed. Single acres have
been known to produce ten times this
amount. Quarter sections of timber-
land on the market are usually esti-
mated at 3,000,000 to 8,000,000 feet each
board measure.

Mills and Manufacturing.
Although manufacturing is as yet in
its infancy in Astoria, more than 4300
persons are employed in the institu-
tions now doing business here. The
salmon industry employs by far the
greatest number of persons, but the
seasons extend over a period of only
about six months, and at other times
those engaging in it follow other lines
of pursuit. The lumbering industry,
including box factories, barrel factor-
ies, etc., is rapidly assuming propor-
tions, and will, within a few years, out-
rank the fishing interests.

Astoria wants more manufacturing
concerns, and offers the very best in-
ducements to capitalists. Here are to
be found unexcelled sites, with the ad-
vantage of both rail and water connec-
tions, and the intending investor in
western properties should look over the
Astoria situation. Sites can be secured
at very low prices.

More than \$3,000,000 is invested in
manufacturing plants here, while the
value of the yearly product exceeds
\$6,500,000. In all, 4341 persons are em-
ployed, receiving annual wages that
aggregate \$2,059,800.

Salmon Industry.
Astoria owes its existence largely to
the great salmon industry of which it
is the center. Year after year the Co-
lumbia river has given up its wealth
of fish, and in the past 25 years has
yielded \$75,000,000, nearly all of which
has been placed in circulation in this
city. Where other crops have failed,
the salmon supply has maintained its
average of production, and in this re-
spect can be classed as one of Oregon's
land.

greatest resources.
The annual salmon yield of the Co-
lumbia river is valued at \$3,000,000.
The spring fishing season lasts only
about four months—from April 15 to
August 25—so it means \$750,000
monthly to those interested in it and
those who live at and near the seat
of the industry.

The Dairying Industry.
Dairying in Clatsop county is in its
infancy, and very few dairymen realize
the natural advantages of this coun-
try. The climate, coupled with the pro-
ductiveness of the soil, makes it an ideal
district for production of butter and
cheese; dairymen are taking more in-
terest in the breed and care of stock.
With the genuine butter cow, such
as few here have as yet, much better
results may be obtained, though even
now the luxuriant pasturage enables
the cows to furnish an abundance of
rich milk, with more than an average
of butter fat. A modern equipped
creamery is in operation in Astoria,
furnishing the farmers a ready sale
for their cream, at an average price for
the year of 22 1/2 cents per pound for
butter fat; and the cows yield, under
good care, about 225 pounds of butter
fat per year. There is general inter-
est in increasing the dairy business;
many of the dairymen are preparing to
enlarge their herds, and new dairies are
being started. Ever-growing grass
and the best market in the world make
this an inviting field for those who
understand the care of cows.

All the Oregon coast country, espe-
cially that near the mouth of the Co-
lumbia river, is very similar to the
great dairying sections of Europe, such
as Denmark, Holland and the Channel
islands. The winters, however, are
milder and the summers dryer.

The lands best adapted to grass-
growing are the tidelands, which are
river bottoms adjoining the Colum-
bia or its branches, and overlaid by
the highest tides. These lands may be
reclaimed by diking, at an expense of
about \$10 per acre. By diking large
tracts by machinery—with steam
dredges—the expense may be reduced,
and more substantial dikes erected. One
acre of tideland has been shown to be
ample for keeping one cow the entire
year. There are still in Clatsop county
about 20,000 acres of tideland to be
diked, much of it being easily cleared
after the diking is done. This is no
experiment, as many of the best dairy
farms have been made on diked tide-

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